

ADM NS Operations

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Discussion points for the RCMP

Planned Truck Demonstration and Minister ALGHABRA

- Over the weekend, the Protective Operations Coordination Center (POCC) reported a strong resentment on multiple Social Media platforms, targeting PM TRUDEAU, Minister of Transport Omar ALGHABRA and politicians in general.
- On January 22, 2022, a total of 15 files were opened in 16 hours.
- The PIU was advised by the s.37 program of more than 20 adverse comments towards PM TRUDEAU, Minister ALGHABRA and politicians in general, posted to Social Media in the past 24 hours. Most appear to be linked to the Truck Demonstration.
- The RCMP PIU, FPNS NCIT and FPNI Intelligence Ideologically Motivated Criminal Intelligence Team (IMCIT) are monitoring the planned Truck Demonstration (also known as the 'Freedom Convoy 2022' is scheduled for January 28 and 29. The demonstration is comprised of 3 "Freedom Convoys", one from Western Canada, one from Eastern Canada and a third from Southern Ontario.
- The goal of the nation wide protest is to disrupt traffic flow and general business of government in the hopes that the Canadian government will lift all CoViD-19 related restrictions. Although the majority of information indicates organizers are planning a peaceful event, many Social Media posts suggest some participants may attempt to disrupt government buildings and further cause disruptions throughout the city.
- Information from Social Media suggests an attempt by the group to control the media surrounding the event, with plans to block mainstream media from reporting the demonstration while organizers may be travelling with their own 'media' team and possibly using a private plane to gather images of the demo.
- GoFundMe pages have already raised over 4.1 million dollars – there is no clear information about how the funds will be dispersed. However, it will likely aid in a high level of physical participation in the Ottawa event though the number of expected participants in Ottawa is not known at this time. The OPP reports there are online claims that the PM is trying to stop the GoFundMe funds from being used. A Tweet indicates that a statement to CTV news from GoFundMe indicates that the funds are being held as GoFundMe works with the organizer to verify how the funds will be spent.
- Information suggests the convoys will meet in Toronto on January 27 and drive the 401 highway to Kingston. Then stage in Arnprior on January 28th and converging to Ottawa at noon on January 29 on Parliament Hill. It is unknown how long the protesters plan to stay in Ottawa,

however, the PIU has located Social Media posts indicating some participants may stay around the downtown core until January 31 in hopes to disrupt the House of Commons sitting that day.

- The PIU located a twitter post suggesting that the convoys may at some point converge near 24 Sussex Drive to continue their protest. As the situation remains fluid, INTERSECT is planning to set an activation call Wednesday afternoon (tomorrow) at which time there should be more knowledge of the planned events for Ottawa.
- We can expect a major traffic impact heading into this weekend and possibly into next week. There are reports of Truck Demonstrations are already slowing and stopping traffic throughout Canada.
- The convoy will likely attract ideologically motivated individuals. The presence of ideologically motivated individuals does not necessarily mean ideologically motivated criminality or ideologically motivated violence. Note that within these ideologically motivated networks, not all individuals support extreme activities and there is a diversity of views regarding the use of violence.
- This convoy is also attracting individuals who are not aligned with any specific ideology or group, but who have experienced personal hardships (such as job loss) due to COVID-19 and are upset with provincial or federal government responses as COVID-19 continues to impact daily life. IMCIT is liaising with law enforcement partners to maintain visibility on this event and other events related to opposition of trucker mandates which are occurring nationally.
- Estimates on social media have claims that up to 1 million people are coming to Ottawa. These numbers are in no way reliable.
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s.37 Social Media reports from the group state the convoy is splitting up into smaller groups and could be anywhere from 10km-70km long, however, they refuse to share the actual numbers with police. The group is expected to rest in Kenora, ON tonight.
NOTE: The Canadian Trucking Alliance issued a statement yesterday saying they do not support the current convoy.

Ongoing efforts

- The RCMP is liaising and working in collaboration with our PoJ partners, such as OPP and OPS to help inform an intelligence picture (number of persons and vehicles involved in convoy as they leave their jurisdiction) to help estimate the deployment of adequate resources in Ottawa.
- IMCIT is liaising with C&IP to understand their efforts in attempting to track the convoy via GIS.
- Planning is underway for the potential disruptions this weekend to do with the truck convoys. A divisional planner (Meghan Bruce) has been assigned by the POCC and the NCRCC will be activated. Nat Div is also looking at standing up Tac troops for this weekend. O&C is not part of

the NCRCC activation, but if you or the DG would like somebody from O&C present during the activation to provide real time briefing reports then I will set up a schedule and get us a seat.

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